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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: BILATERALS REPORTED AT DEC 9

AD HOC GROUP MEETING

BEGIN SUMMARY:

1. AT ITS DECEMBER 9 MEETING, THE AD HOC GROUP HEARD REPORTS OF BILATERALS WITH SOVIET AND POLISH REPS REGARDING THE EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL. US REP ALSO REPORTED ON SOVIET REP SMIRNOVSKY'S COMMENT REGARDING PARA 29 EXCEPTION FOR EXERCISES AND ROTATIONS (MBFR VIENNA 484). END SUMMARY.

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2. SOVIET/FRG

IN A RECENT DISCUSSION OF EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL WITH FRG REP (BEHREND), SOVIET REP (KHLESTOV) ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ALLIED CRITICISMS REGARDING EASTERN REFUSAL TO PROVIDE DATA AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEILINGS, WERE AT LEAST ARGUABLE POINTS. HOWEVER, KHLESTOV DISPUTED THE ALLIED CONTENTION THAT ACCEPTING THE FREEZE WOULD PREJUDICE FUTURE ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE REDUCTIONS. HE PROMISED THAT, IF THE WEST ACCEPTED THE FREEZE PROPOSAL, THE EAST WOULD NEVER REFER TO IT AS A SUPPORTING ARGUMENT FOR THE EASTERN POSITION ON REDUCTIONS.

3. BEHREND SUGGESTED TO KHLESTOV THAT THE EAST HAD OFFERED A FREEZE ON MANPOWER, ONLY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO UPGRADE ITS ARMAMENTS IN THE NGA. KHLESTOV REPLIED THAT THE EAST WOULD WELCOME A FREEZE ON ARMAMENTS AS WELL AS MANPOWER, AND STRESSED THAT EASTERN WILLINGNESS TO DROP ARMAMENTS IN THE FREEZE CONTEXT HAD BEEN A MAJOR CONCESSION TO THE WEST. KHLESTOV ADDED THAT, IN ANY CASE, THE FACT THAT MANPOWER TOTALS FOR BOTH NATO AND WARSAW PACT FORCES WERE INCREASING, WAS A GOOD ARGUMENT FOR THE FREEZE. WHEN BEHREND EXPLAINED THAT THE CHANGES IN NATO MANPOWER FIGURES WERE DUE TO REFINEMENTS IN METHODS OF CALCULATION. KHLESTOV ASSERTED THAT THE WEST COUNTED ONLY COMBAT TROOPS, NOT SUPPORT TROOPS OR THOSE IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING PRIOR TO RELEASE TO CIVILIAN LIFE. KHLESTOV HAD CONCLUDED THIS FROM WESTERN REP'S FREQUENT REFERENCES TO "ALL UNIFORMED MILITARY PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY."

4. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF DISPARITIES, KHLESTOV SAID THAT THE WEST'S TWO PHASED APPROACH WAS ILLOGICAL, SINCE THE FIRST PHASE PROPOSED BY THE ALLIES WOULD NOT ELIMINATE THE ALLEGED DISPARITIES. IF DISPARITIES REALLY EXISTED, THE LOGICAL APPROACH WOULD BE TO ELIMINATE THEM ENTIRELY IN THE FIRST PHASE.

5. POLISH DELOFF (WIECZOREK) TOLD GREEK DEPREP (NEZERITIS) THAT, NOW THAT THE WEST HAD REJECTED THE LAST TWO EASTERN PROPOSALS, THE EAST KNEW EXACTLY WHERE  
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IT STOOD. ON DATA, THE POLISH DELOFF SAID THERE WOULD BE NO EXCHANGE SINCE EACH SIDE KNEW WHAT THE OTHER HAD AND "THERE WAS NO REASON TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR EACH OTHER'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICES." WIECZOREK STRONGLY MAINTAINED THAT THE EAST HAD NOT LEAKED ANY INFORMATION ON ITS FREEZE PROPOSAL. COMMENT: HUNGARIAN REP (PETRAN) TOLD US DELOFF DEC. 9, THAT THE EAST DID NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO DISCUSS ITS

FREEZE PROPOSAL AT STRULAK'S DEC. 12 PRESS CONFERENCE.  
END COMMENT

6. SOVIET/US-FRG

IN AN EXCHANGE WITH THE US REP, US DEPREP AND  
FRG DEPREP (HOFMANN) SOVIET REP (SMIRNOVSKY) STRONGLY  
CRITICIZED AN INEQUITY IN THE SCOPE OF THE ONE-TIME  
20,000 ANNUAL EXCEPTION TO RESIDUAL MANPOWER LEVELS  
AS ADVANCED IN THE ALLIED DECEMBER 5 PLENARY STATEMENT.  
SMIRNOVSKY ARGUED THAT THE WESTERN FORMULATION WOULD  
PERMIT THE ANNUAL US REFORGER EXERCISE WHILE  
UNFAIRLY PREVENTING NORMAL TROOP ROTATIONS BY THE  
SOVIETS. US REP TOLD THE GROUP THAT  
SOVIET COMPLAINTS ON THIS SCORE APPEARED JUSTIFIED  
AND THAT US DEL HAD REQUESTED WASHINGTON TO  
RECONSIDER WHAT APPARENTLY HAD BEEN AN OVERSIGHT IN  
THE INSTRUCTIONS SENT BY NAC TO THE AHG. (MBFR VIENNA 484).  
US REP SAID THAT TO FAIL TO MAKE SUCH A CORRECTION WOULD MAKE  
IT EASIER FOR THE EAST TO DISMISS THE NEW WESTERN  
PROPOSAL ON STABILIZING MEASURES. THERE WAS NO  
DISAGREEMENT IN THE GROUP REGARDING US REPS  
PRESENTATION AND EXPLANATION. RESOR

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